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Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER

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CRIMINAL NO. 18-737

CRIMINAL INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. The term "minor" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(1), as "any person under the age of eighteen years."

2. The term "child pornography," for purposes of this Indictment, is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), as:

"any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where -

(A) the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct."

3. The term "sexually explicit conduct" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), as any:

"actual or simulated -

- (i) sexual intercourse, including genital [to] genital, oral [to] genital, anal [to] genital, or oral [to] anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; [or]
- (ii) bestiality; [or]
- (iii) masturbation; [or]

- (iv) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or
- (v) [the] lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person."

4. The term "computer" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2256(6) and 1030(e)(1), as any:

"electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device, but such term does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable hand held calculator or other similar device."

5. The term "producing", for purposes of this Indictment, is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(3) and case law, as:

"producing, directing, manufacturing, issuing, publishing or advertising" and includes downloading or copying visual depictions from another source.

6. The term "visual depiction" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(5), as including, but is not limited to, any:

"undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image."

COUNT ONE
(Sexual Exploitation of Children)

From on or about May 8, 2017, through on or about August 26, 2017, within the Southern District of Texas,

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,

defendant herein, did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce and attempt to employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce a minor child, to wit: Minor Victim #1, to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, and such

visual depiction was transmitted using any means and facility of interstate or foreign commerce, and the visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in or affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) & (e).

COUNT TWO
(Receipt of Child Pornography)

On or about July 30, 2017, through August 28, 2017, within the Southern District of Texas,

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,

defendant herein, did knowingly receive material that contains child pornography using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(B) and Section 2252A(b)(1).

COUNT THREE
(Coercion and Enticement)

On or about April 28, 2017, within the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,

defendant herein, by use of a means of a facility of interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a person whom defendant believed had not attained the age of 18 years, to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under the laws of the State of Texas, that is, the crime of on line solicitation of a minor, in violation of Section 33.021 of the Texas Penal Code.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

COUNT FOUR
(Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about March 12, 2016, within the Southern District of Texas,

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,

defendant herein, did knowingly possess material that contained multiple images and videos of child pornography, which had been shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and which were produced using materials which have been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, by any means, including by computer; more specifically, the defendant possessed in a Dropbox.com account which contained videos of child pornography.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

COUNT FIVE

(Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about September 22, 2017, within the Southern District of Texas,

BENJAMEN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,

defendant herein, did knowingly possess material that contained multiple images and videos of child pornography, which had been shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and which were produced using materials which have been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, by any means, including by computer; more specifically, the defendant possessed an Apple iPhone which contained video and still images of child pornography.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
18 U.S.C. § 2253(a)

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a)(2) and (a)(3), the United States gives the defendant notice that in the event of conviction for the offenses charged in Counts One through Five of the Indictment, the United States will seek to forfeit all property, real and personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offenses charged in Counts One through Five; and all property, real and personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One through Five, or any property traceable to such property, including, but not limited to, the following:

A Dell laptop containing a Western Digital hard drive laptop s/n GKVCN52; and

An Apple iPhone 6S s/n C6KRL20PGRYD.

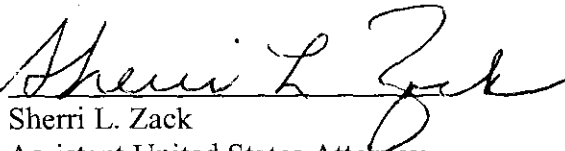
A True Bill:

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE ON FILE

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